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FM AMCONSUL HONG KONG

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INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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USLO PEKING

CINCPAC HONOLULU HI

AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

C O N F I D E N T I A L HONG KONG 4217

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CH, CB

SUBJECT: CHINA GREETES RECENT CAMBODIAN VICTORY

1. WITH THE SURRENDER OF THE PHNOM PENH GOVERNMENT, PEKING HAS MOVED QUICKLY WITH MESSAGES FROM THE CHINESE PARTY AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS, A PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIAL, AND A CORRESPONDENT'S ARTICLE TO GREET SIHANOUK AND THE UNITED FRONT VICTORY OF GRUNK/FUNK FORCES UNDER HIS CHAIRMANSHIP. ON APRIL 17 MAO, CHU TEH AND CHOU SENT A CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO CAMBODIAN LEADERS SIHANOUK, PENN NOUTH AND KHIEU SAMPHAN. THE CHINESE EXPRESSIONS OF ACCLAIM ARE REplete WITH PRAISE FOR THE GRUNK LEADERSHIP AND SEEM TO EXCEED THE PRINCE'S OWN EXPECTATIONS OF HIS FUTURE ROLE IN A NEW CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT AS INDICATED FROM SIHANOUK'S PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND PRESS INTERVIEWS.

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2. WHILE THE USG EFFORT IN CAMBODIA IS CRITICIZED, THE INITIAL PRC REACTION ALSO PROVIDES SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE "OTHER SUPERPOWER," AND ITS PREVIOUS SUPPORT FOR THE LON NOL GOVERNMENT, AND LAST-MINUTE SWITCH TO SUPPORT FOR THE GRUNK. THE REACTION FAILS TO MENTION ANY ROLE WHICH HANOI MIGHT HAVE PLAYED IN THE GRUNK VICTORY. THE VICTORY IS LINKED WITH CORRECT IMPLEMENTATION OF MAO'S STRATEGY, APPARENTLY IN A BID TO IDENTIFY THE NEW GOVERNMENT MORE CLOSELY WITH PEKING RATHER THAN WITH MOSCOW OR HANOI.  
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